रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिन्धिया) : पिछले 10 वर्षों के दौरान यथा 1979–80 से 1988–89 तक 26470 कि०मी० लम्बे रेलपथ का नवीकरण किया गया है ।

**रेल विद्युतीकरण योजना हेतु विश्व बैंक द्वारा ऋण दिया जाना**

2737. **श्री शरद यादव** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेल विद्युतीकरण योजना के अन्तर्गत विश्व बैंक द्वारा प्रदान किये गये ऋण में से तीन फर्मों अर्थात् कुमार कन्स्ट्रक्शन्स, नई दिल्ली, कालिन्दी रेल निर्माण, जयपुर और राम कन्स्ट्रक्शन, बीना को भोपाल यार्ड के कलर लाइट सिगनल्स हेतु भूमिगत मोटे तार बिछाने के एक ही काम के लिए भुगतान किया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो रेलवे द्वारा अब तक की गई कार्यवाही का ब्यौरा क्या है और इसका क्या परिणाम निकला है ?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिन्धिया) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

**Expansion of Nagpur Airport**

2738. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any proposal under Government's consideration for expansion of Nagpur Airport main building with modern and sophisticated equipment;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not starting the work till date despite its administrative approval and Budget provision during 1988;

(c) what is the estimated cost thereof and by when the work is likely to be started; and

(d) what will be the additional facilities available after the completion of the expansion work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project could not be undertaken during 1988-89 due to financial constraints.

(c) The work is expected to be taken up during the current financial year at an estimated cost of Rs. 22.17 crores.

(d) The additional facilities after completion of the project, would be the following:—

1. Spacious departure concourse, arrival hall, air conditioned holding area and restaurant.

2. Conveyor belts for departure and arrival lounge.

3. Provision of Air Route Surveillance Radar (ARSR), Automatic Message Switching System (AMSS) and High Speed Single Side Band (HS SSB).

4. Provision of dedicated satellite station.

5. Provision of Simple Approach Lights and High Intensity Runway Lights (HIRL)/Medium Intensity Runway Lights (MIRL).

**Inconvenience caused due to the diversion of Delhi-Nagpur-Delhi flight**

2739. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that for the last two years, the flight from Delhi-Nagpur-Delhi

has been diverted some time via Poona, some time via Bhopal and at present this flight is being diverted to Delhi-Nagpur-Raipur-Delhi and due to this passengers from Nagpur to Delhi have to waste 2-1|2 hours and also to suffer inconvenience;

(b) whether Government have received representations from Members of Parliament, MLAs, industrialists, officials and various social organisations etc. in this regard; and

(c) if so, by when Government propose to provide a separate flight from Delhi to Nagpur and back?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Passenger Traffic, at present, is only 40—45 passengers per day, each way, between Delhi-Nagpur. However, should passenger traffic increase and adequate capacite become available, then Indian Airlines would consider operating a terminator service between Delhi-Nagpur.

**Storage of Navjeevan Express at Chandrapur**

2740. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the stoppage of Navjeevan Express at Chandrapur (Maharashtra) which was approved after several representations has now been withdrawn;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware of the resentment of the people for the withdrawal of the facility;

(d) whether Railways again propose to approve Chandrapur as the stoppage of Navjeevan Express in order to avoid inconvenience to the people; and

(e) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e) The stoppage of Navjeevan Express at Chandrapur was withdrawn from 1.5.1989 but as a result of review the same is being restored from 1.11.1989.

**Improvement of Tinsukia and Dibrugarh railway station in Assam**

2741. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to improve the railway stations of Tinsukia and Dibrugarh in Assam; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Improvements including remodelling of station building is a continuous process and the same is done on a need based programme commensurate with the availability of funds. The works which have been completed recently and are in progress at Tinsukia and Dibrugarh railway stations are as under:—

*Tinsukia*

1. Replacement of rail level platform by high level platform (Completed).
2. New Station Building.
3. Improvement to station complex area.
4. Extension of Platform shelter and alteration to foot over bridge.